

Notice respecting a Pair of Chinese Planisphères brought
from Chusan, and presented to the Society by Capt.
Sir E. Home, Bart. R.N., by Mr. Woolgar.
A Historical Survey of Comets, by Dr. Michelsen.

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to the Society's Library, &c. since the last Anniversary.*

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- + L'Académie Royale des Sciences de l'Institut de France.
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- British Association.
- La Société de Physique, &c. de Genève.
- + Royal Asiatic Society.
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The Report having been read, it was

Proposed by Mr. R. TAYLOR,
Seconded by Captain Sir JOHN ROSS:

That the Report of the Council now read be received and adopted, and that it be printed and circulated in the usual manner.

Proposed in amendment by Mr. BABBAGE,
Seconded by Dr. FITTON:

That this Meeting express their deep regret that the Council have not awarded the Society's medal to M. Le Verrier, for his publication of the greatest astronomical discovery of modern times.

This amendment was negatived.

A second amendment was

Proposed by Lieut. RAPER, R.N.
Seconded by Capt. BETHUNE, R.N.:

That it is the opinion of the Meeting that the unprecedented discovery of a new planet by theoretical researches, and the acknowledged title of M. Le Verrier to the honour of that discovery, demand for him some special mark of the approbation of this Society; that it be recommended to the new Council to convene a Special General Meeting of the Society, on as early a day as may be convenient, for the purpose of suspending Articles 2, 3, and 4, of Section 16 of the Bye-laws; and that the printing of the Report be deferred till the subject shall have been brought under the consideration of such Special General Meeting.

This amendment was also negatived.

A third amendment was

Proposed by the Rev. R. SHEEPSHANKS,

Seconded by Mr. DRACH :

That a Special General Meeting be called to consider the propriety of granting

A Medal to M. LE VERRIER,

for his researches respecting the planet exterior to *Uranus* ;

A Medal to Mr. ADAMS

for his researches on the same subject.

This amendment was also negatived.

A fourth amendment was

Proposed by the ASTRONOMER-ROYAL,

Seconded by Dr. LEE :

That a Special General Meeting be called after the ordinary Meeting on March 12, to consider the following resolutions :—

That so much of the Bye-law as relates to the number of medals which may be adjudged in any one year, the time of giving notice of the proposal for a medal, the time of adjudging the medal, and the time of presenting the medal, be suspended *pro hac vice* ;

That the Council be authorised to award two (or more) medals, if they shall deem it expedient to do so ;

That the award of the Council be communicated to the Society, and that the medal or medals be presented at the ordinary Meeting of April 9.

This amendment was carried.

Proposed by Mr. DE MORGAN,

Seconded by the Rev. R. SHEEPSHANKS :—

That this Meeting be adjourned to Saturday, Feb. 13th, at two o'clock.

Saturday, February 13, 1847.

The Society met at two o'clock, according to adjournment, Capt. W. H. SMYTH, R.N. President, in the Chair.

*Proposed by Mr. DE MORGAN,
Seconded by Sir J. ROSS :—*

That the Report of the Council read yesterday be received and adopted, and that it be printed and circulated in the usual manner, with an account of the proceedings of the Meeting annexed.

Proposed in Amendment by Mr. BABBAGE :—

That this Meeting do adjourn to a day to be named at the next General Meeting.

This Amendment was not seconded. The original Motion was then put and carried.

JOHN LANE, Esq., D.C.L. of the Inner Temple, Barrister-at-Law, was ballotted for, and duly elected a Fellow of the Society.

Professor C. P. SMYTH, and Commander SHADWELL, R.N., were duly admitted Fellows of the Society.

Mr. R. TAYLOR and Commander SHADWELL were appointed scrutineers of the ballot for the election of Officers and Council for the ensuing year.

At the close of the ballot the scrutineers made their report, and the following names were announced as those chosen by the Society :—

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Lieut. WILLIAM S. STRATFORD, R.N. F.R.S.

Proposed by Lieut. RAPER,
Seconded by G. B. AIRY, Esq. :—

That the thanks of the Meeting be given to the President for his conduct and temper in the Chair, during the continuance of this Meeting.

Carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. WOOLGAR,
Seconded by Mr. DE MORGAN :—

That the thanks of the Meeting be given to the President, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries, and Members of Council, who now retire, for their services in promoting the objects of the Society.

Carried unanimously.